

SSCA 93rd Annual Convention—St. Petersburg

2023 Community College Business Meeting Division Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 15, 5:45 pm

- I. Call to order
- II. Introductions
 - a. Chair, Laurie Metcalf
 - b. Vice Chair, Jeff Sorrells
 - c. Secretary, Brad Bailey
 - d. Immediate Past Chair, Nakia Welch

The following members were present: Laurie Metcalf, Jeff Sorrells, Brad Bailey, Nakia Welch, Shaquille Marsh, Karen Hill- Vol State CC, John Perry- Taracn, Bonnie Jeffers St Pet, Samantha Chapelso, Isa Ingleburg- retired, Shana Bates- Collin College, Twyla Coy- Lone Star College, Starlett Mack-,

Brad Bailey introduced Dr. Karen Hill, recipient of the 2023 Suzanne Osborn Community College Outstanding Educator Award.

Isa Ingleburg- always offered teaching awards, but CC never got it. She helped to champion it with the Osborns.

- III. Minutes from 2022 have gone missing, vague recollections of Jeff Sorrells promising to smoke a brisket for us in Frisco in 2024.

Ruth Martin, active member of CC division, passed away on Wednesday after a short battle with brain cancer. She was in New Mexico starting a department.

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Submissions
 - i. Panels—3 submitted, 3 accepted
 - ii. Papers—1 submitted, 0 accepted
 - iii. GIFTS-18 submitted, 15 accepted

A little down in terms of submissions. We expect a rebound in TX.

All have been on the weekend. We are pursuing this as a goal. Increased 33% over last year. Above 5% is very important, as it takes 5% of membership to remain a division. Many don't affiliate. Encourage them to.

- b. Program slots (all on the weekend!)
 - i. 4108: Saturday 8 am, GIFTS I
 - ii. 4210: Saturday, 9:30 am, GIFTS II
 - iii. 4309: Saturday, 11 am, Online Course Design Open House
 - iv. 4510: Saturday, 2:45 pm, GIFTS III
 - v. 4713: Saturday, 5:45 pm, Business meeting
 - vi. 5102: Sunday, 8 am, Connecting with Workforce Students
 - vii. 5302: Sunday, 11 am, Communicating our Discipline's Future: Steps Departments and Colleges MUST Take to Justify their Future Existence

c. Membership

Division	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Community College	25	38	123	36	44	31		43	29	39	36	48

V. New Business

- a. Ideas to raise membership and submission numbers
 - i. Limit CC panels to Saturday/Sunday in an effort to save money and get more bang for buck
- b. Online Open House
 - i. Newer format that we'd like to see continue
- c. Pursue idea of Top GIFTS panel and getting top GIFTS included in SJC or a special issue
- d. Bylaws- we had no ideas- EC bylaws- lost the link b/c of change of web host; form a committee; Nakia head up bylaws committee to have a proposal to vote on next year
- e. Panel/Roundtable Ideas:
 - i. Collaboration: Reaching Across the Isle
 1. Belonging to the Whole Campus: Roundtable on Faculty Senate, Various Other Committees on Campus, as our Discipline Fits So Easily with Others
 - ii. What Topics Are Difficult, but Important to Teach
 1. team-based problem solving
 2. ethics-
 - a. Chat GPT
 3. Course Formats? Not the New Normal... It's just normal!
 4. Attendance Policies: Got Rid of Attendance Policies
 5. Images/Identities: Critical Race Theory- how to navigate the legislative changes dealing with CRT
 - a. Chronicle: Professor Fired for Showing Image of Mohammed; student-driven didn't want to see, didn't want to hear; divisive concepts law; student complaint portals (insurance protection)
 6. Our Course BELONGS in the Gen Ed Core: data from industry and academia supporting communication as a theme; relevance to stay in gen ed core; departments taking our course away; they think that we are Toastmasters; core competencies should be regardless of context- regardless interpersonal, group, public... still have ethics, analysis, listening, etc. Should work across contexts or we don't have a discipline;
 7. Conferencing 101: How to Feel Like You Belong
- f. Discussion from the floor
 - i. Emails in the program- directory
 - ii. Not sure I'm affiliated
- g. Approached by Central Communication Association- getting CC Divisions at different regions to collaborate and strengthen bonds;
- h. Election for Vice Chair

Isa nom Karen; Sam seconded; unanimous

VI. Adjourn

Notes:

DEI: Karen and Sha

Conferencing 101: Nakia & Brasa Sport College & Twyla

Open House: Jeff

Gen Ed Core: Isa and Brad + high-level administrator

What Topics Are Difficult, but Important to Teach: group projects- Jeff Sorrels